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MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE  
THE SECRETARY OF COMMERCE  
THE DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE  
THE ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT FOR  
CABINET AFFAIRS  
THE CHAIRMAN, JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF  
THE DIRECTOR, ARMS CONTROL AND  
DISARMAMENT AGENCY  
THE ADMINISTRATOR, NATIONAL AERONAUTICS  
AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION

SUBJECT: The President's National Space Strategy (U)

At the SIG(Space) meeting on August 30, 1983, it was agreed that two separate reports would be prepared for the President: one on Space Station and one on National Space Strategy. It was the consensus that completion of the National Space Strategy should be delayed until later this fall so as to incorporate the results from several space-related studies and efforts which are currently underway and due for completion soon, such as: Space Station (NSDD 5-83); Ballistic Missile Defense (NSDD 6-83); Nuclear Weapons Master Plan (NSDD 13); JCS study of a Unified Space Command; White House Commercialization Study; Department of Commerce transfer of remote sensing capabilities to the private sector; and outer space arms control efforts. Each of these efforts will be decided upon individually on its own merits; however, it is essential that we place these and other efforts into the broader context of how this Administration plans to utilize the space medium in the separate but interrelated areas of civil, commercial and national security. The need to provide such a broader context has assumed greater importance in view of growing Congressional and public concern over the so-called "militarization of space." (C)

For this reason, the President wishes to develop a National Space Strategy that could be used during his State of the Union Address next January or on another suitable occasion and to provide overall guidance to the Executive Branch, including the FY 85 budget process. The focus of the National Space Strategy will be on explaining the priorities of this Administration for implementing the National Space Policy announced on July 4, 1982, and for maintaining a balanced U.S. Space Program. The strategy will also explain organizational and other initiatives for implementing the policy. (U)

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The agencies shown below are requested to provide the information indicated by November 1, 1983:

- DOD, DCI, NASA and Commerce: Statements of functional priorities for space that fall within your areas of responsibility along with supporting rationale and documentation. These priorities should include reference to the on-going studies outlined above and explain how space relates to broader agency goals and missions.
- JCS (through DOD): Recommendations on how best to plan and exercise operational control of space systems to support national objectives. Recommendations on the proposal to establish a Unified Space Command should be included.
- The White House Commercialization Study: Identify potential Administration priorities and initiatives related to the private sector.
- ACDA (in coordination with other agencies): Provide a summary of current Administration policy on Outer Space Arms Control with particular emphasis on the Andropov initiative and other proposals to "ban the arms race in space." (C)

The President appreciates your cooperation in this effort. As you know, the President considers space a major area of priority emphasis by this Administration. He is firmly committed to maintaining U.S. space leadership and capitalizing on the tremendous potential of the space medium. (U)



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cc: The Secretary of State  
 The Director, Office of Management and Budget  
 Assistant to the President for Policy Development  
 The Director, Office of Science and Technology Policy

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